Reviewer’s report

Title: Tuberculosis care for migrant patients in Portugal: a mixed methods study with primary healthcare providers

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In general I believe the study is innovative as bring the healthcare professionals point of view on TB care among migrants. Usually, migrants trust and rely on these group and are an interesting perspective to be analyse. The study is not entirely new, but still important in the European context.

Abstract

Line 15-17 - I believe it is fair to say that occur "an increasing number of cases" or "increased proportion of TB cases among migrants" but not incidence itself. Most studies say that there has been an increasing number of cases due to increase migration, but not necessarily accompanied by an increasing incidence (which is a rate).

Introduction

Line 55-58 - It is interesting to know if TB incidence is increasing among migrants or if TB among migrants is increasingly higher than native Portuguese because TB incidence is decreasing among native.

Methods

Did the same researcher that conducted the interviews also transcribed and analysed the interviews?

Results

Lines 316-319 - what the HCP refers to when saying that "before" things were different? Before refers to when?

The figures and tables are adequate and good.
Discussion

Line 388 - A better term is "cause drug resistance" or "selection of drug resistant strains"

There are any limitation on the way was used to the first healthcare professional interviewed? The fact that the interviewee knows the person who is interviewing them?

Did the authors observed any suggestion that austerity policies in Europe impacted on TB control or access to care among migrants? This is a very important topic.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

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